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2011 County Road Agency Federal-Aid and Grant Use Summary

The following data is taken from a January 2012 survey of county road agencies; with 79 of the 83 counties responding.

14 county road agencies turned down or postponed available financial resources (federal aid, etc...) due to a lack of matching funds in 2011?

- These counties include: Baraga; Berrien; Branch; Clare; Dickinson; Eaton; Kalkaska; Mason; Oceana; Ontonagon; Schoolcraft; St. Clair; Van Buren; and Wexford.
- Many counties indicated they did not turn down federal funding only because other revenues (donations from townships, county wide road millage revenues, and Transportation Economic Development Fund- Category D) were made available to provide the match.
- Other counties reported that project lengths were shortened; or that they utilized force account work which allows the manpower and equipment that the road commission already has on hand to be their match.

20 county road agencies are no longer applying for all available federal funds for safety grants, etc...?

- These counties include: Alcona; Alpena; Baraga; Branch; Dickinson; Eaton; Emmet; Lenawee; Luce; Marquette; Newaygo; Osceola; Oscoda; Ottawa; Sanilac; Schoolcraft; St. Clair; Van Buren; Washtenaw; and Wexford.
- The counties who have made this decision indicated that matching funds would not have been available for the safety grants and other optional programs (CMAQ- Congestion Management and Air Quality, HRRR- High Risk Rural Roads, and TEDF – Transportation Economic development Fund).
- Counties also indicated that providing funds for preventative maintenance is their highest priority.
- The Dickinson County Road Commission lost a safety project in 2010 due to a lack of matching funds.

17 county road agencies anticipate turning down or postponing available financial resources (federal aid, etc...) due to a lack of matching funds in 2012?

- These counties include: Berrien; Branch; Clare; Clinton; Delta; Dickinson; Eaton; Emmet; Grand Traverse; Hillsdale; Luce; Newaygo; Oscoda; Schoolcraft; St. Clair; Van Buren; and Wexford. Baraga CRC indicted this may be a possibility.

56 counties indicated that it may be possible for them to utilize additional federal-aid funding if it were made available.

- The attached chart indicates individual county responses on their ability to match and for what period of time.

County	Response	Explanation- Source of Match and Length of Time
Alcona	Yes	Townships have matching funds available and are waiting on projects.
Allegan	Yes	County wide millage
Alpena	Possible	Depends on the type of grant, eligible match requirements and size of grant.
Arenac	Yes	
Baraga	Possible	We would try, as we do now.
Barry	Possible	Possibly some
Bay	Unsure	This could be answered as a "yes" if we postpone equipment purchases and other capital improvements. We have shifted money in our current year budget in the past to take advantage of "spur of the moment" programs. Even though ARRA (100%) and Local Jobs Today (100% or 80%) may not have required a match, we still expend a sizable amount of money on design and construction engineering so the projects are in accordance with MDOT and FHWA requirements. There is no such thing as a 100% free project.
Benzie	Yes	If we could complete the work under force account.
Berrien	Yes	We are requesting township participation now in an attempt to use funds.
Branch	Yes	If the funds were available for preventative maintenance, rehabilitation or bridge replacement, the funds would be made available for match until we could no longer afford to purchase equipment and materials for basic maintenance.
Calhoun	Yes	We use state category "D" funds to match the STP.
Cass	Yes	
Charlevoix	Yes	Charlevoix County residents supported a countywide road millage for 15 years. The CRC has \$1.5 million a year for matching funds.
Cheboygan	Possible	Depends on the dollar amount
Chippewa	Yes	Duration would depend on amount of additional funds
Clare	Unsure	Other local projects and equipment purchases would likely be cancelled or postponed in order to provide match for fed aid. It would be a board decision.
Emmet	Yes	The townships in Emmet County have clearly indicated they would provide the match if for road improvements.
Genesee	Yes	We have available fund balance that we have budgeted to last us five years.
Grand Traverse	Possible	Depends how much is needed
Gratiot	Yes	We can't predict for how many years as there are too many variables to project. How much federal aid? What will MTF be in a couple of years?
Houghton	Yes	It would depend on how much federal aid was available
Huron	Yes	County wide millage
Ingham	Possible	Depends on how much. We generally try to budget for all available federal aid match as federal aid is the only funding source we have sufficient to fully rehabilitate a mile or more of distressed road.
Ionia	Yes	We would buy all of our local entities or borrow to utilize.
Iosco	Yes	Dependent on the amount of additional funds made available and the match percentage.

Isabella	Possible	The CRC is at a point where funding more match projects is becoming a struggle. It is hard to budget for projects 3 years out with the instability of the MTF.
Jackson	Yes	By cutting projects for 3-5 years
Kalamazoo	Yes	Varies in 5-year primary road capital improvement plan.
Kent	Yes	We could accept up to \$15 million in federal funds.
Lake	Yes	
Lapeer	Possible	Depends on revenue available
Leelanau	Yes	
Lenawee	Yes	Unsure for number of years. Requirements to use federal funds sometimes raise costs of projects to an amount where will run out of matching funds.
Livingston	Possible	Depends on the amount.
Mackinac	Yes	We would match with township participation - unknown for how long.
Macomb	Yes	
Manistee	Yes	For only one year
Mason	Yes	The storm of 2008 provided much needed non-MTF (FEMA revenue) to help restore this CRC.
Mecosta	Possible	We have been able to go to the townships for some of the help with local match.
Missaukee	Yes	Not sure for how many years. We match with other available state or township funds.
Muskegon	Yes	Depends on the amount of federal aid available
Newaygo	Yes	We could, but would need to cut other expenditures to provide the match.
Oakland	Yes	At least three years. Every year we prepare a three year financial plan. The current plan shows we will be able to match the federal aid. We do not make projections beyond the three year plan.
Oceana	Yes	Hopefully 2-3 years
Ogemaw	Yes	
Otsego	Possible	Possibly 2-3 years - It would be necessary for us to have financial partners (twps).
Ottawa	Unsure	We cannot answer this question. We would like to say yes, but it would have to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
Presque Isle	Yes	Depending on size of project and our 20% match amount, we may do so for 2-3 years.
Roscommon	Yes	Indefinitely - We would borrow if needed to leverage dollars at 4 to 1.
Sanilac	Yes	We have a 2 mill primary road millage that could be used for matching money.
Schoolcraft	Yes	If more funding was available, we would collaborate with townships to fully use all funds available.
St. Clair	Unsure	If county millage funds were available.
St. Joseph	Yes	
Tuscola	Yes	TCRCs current primary road millage is due to renew through year 2016.
Washtenaw	Yes	At least for 2012 and 13
Wexford	Yes	It will depend on what type of funding, how it could be used and what the matching % was - for example if money could only be used for reconstruction, it would take away from our preventative maintenance program.

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